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To prohibit air carriers from charging fees for carry-on baggage and to require disclosure of passenger fees, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DISCLOSURE OF PASSENGER FEES; PROHIBI-**
4 **TION ON FEES FOR CARRY-ON BAGGAGE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Trans-
7 portation shall complete a rulemaking that—

8 (1) prohibits each air carrier operating in the
9 United States under part 121 of title 49, Code of

1 Federal Regulations, from charging any fees for
2 carry-on baggage that falls within the restrictions
3 imposed by the air carrier with respect to the
4 weight, size, or number of bags;

5 (2) requires each such air carrier to make de-
6 tailed information about restrictions with respect to
7 the weight, size, and number of carry-on baggage
8 available to passengers before they arrive at the air-
9 port for a scheduled departure on the air carrier;
10 and

11 (3) requires each such air carrier to make avail-
12 able to the public and to the Secretary a list of all
13 passenger fees and charges (other than airfare) that
14 may be imposed by the air carrier, including fees
15 for—

16 (A) checked baggage or oversized or heavy
17 baggage, including specialty items such as bicy-
18 cles, skis, and firearms;

19 (B) meals, beverages, or other refresh-
20 ments;

21 (C) seats in exit rows, seats with additional
22 space, or other preferred seats in any given
23 class of travel;

24 (D) purchasing tickets from an airline
25 ticket agent or a travel agency; or

1 (E) any other good, service, or amenity
2 provided by the air carrier, as required by the
3 Secretary.

4 (b) PUBLICATION; UPDATES.—In order to ensure
5 that the fee information required by subsection (a)(3) is
6 both current and widely available to the traveling public,
7 the Secretary—

8 (1) may require an air carrier to make such in-
9 formation available on any public Web site main-
10 tained by an air carrier, to make such information
11 available to travel agencies, and to notify passengers
12 of the availability of such information when adver-
13 tising airfares; and

14 (2) shall require air carriers to update the in-
15 formation as necessary, but no less frequently than
16 every 90 days unless there has been no increase in
17 the amount or type of fees shown in the most recent
18 publication.

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